

Chapter 10.08

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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10.08.010 Authority of police - Obedience required. Members of the police department and special police assigned to traffic duty, are authorized to direct all traffic in accordance with the provisions of this title, or in emergencies as public safety or convenience may require, and it is unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order, signal or direction of a policeman. Except in case of emergency, it is unlawful for any person not authorized by law to direct or attempt to direct traffic. (Prior code ° 10.102).

10.08.020 Authority of fire officer at scene of fire. The fire department officer in command or any fireman designated by him, may exercise the powers and authority of a policeman in directing traffic at the scene of any fire or where the fire department has responded to an emergency call for so long as fire department equipment is on the scene in the absence of or in assisting the police. (Prior code ° 10.103).

10.08.030 Signs and signals generally. It is unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to disobey the instructions of any traffic sign or signal placed in view by authority of the corporate authorities or in accordance with the laws of the state, excepting on direction of a police officer. All signs and signals established by direction of the governing body shall conform to the Illinois State Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways. (Prior code ° 10.104).

10.08.040 Traffic-control signal legend. Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting the words "Go," "Caution," or "Stop," or exhibiting different colored lights successively, the following colors only shall be used and such terms and lights shall indicate as follows:

A. Circular green alone:

1. Vehicular traffic facing the 'signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left

unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn. But vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection at the time such signal is exhibited.

2. Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within marked or unmarked crosswalk, unless directed otherwise by a pedestrian signal.

B. Steady yellow:

1. Vehicular traffic facing the signal is thereby warned that indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter or the related green movement is being terminated, and shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at the intersection, but if such stop cannot be made safely, a vehicle may be driven cautiously through the intersection.

2. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal, pedestrians facing such signal are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway, and any pedestrian then starting to cross shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles.

C. Steady red alone:

1. Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at such other point as may be indicated by a clearly visible line, if there is no such line, then vehicles stop before entering such crosswalk and shall remain standing until the green indication is shown, unless otherwise directed by a sign or arrow.

2. No pedestrian facing such signal shall enter the roadway unless he can do so safely and without interfering with any vehicular traffic or unless a separate walk indication is shown.

D. Green straight through arrow (alone):

1. Vehicular traffic facing such signal may proceed straight through, but shall not turn right or left. Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection at the time such signal is exhibited.

2. Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the road way within the appropriately marked or unmarked crosswalk unless directed otherwise by a pedestrian signal.

E. Green turn arrow (alone or with circular green, with steady yellow, with steady red, or with green straight through arrow): Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall comply with the meaning of the circular green, steady yellow or straight through arrow indication as if it were shown alone, except that such vehicular traffic may cautiously enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by the green turn arrow. Vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within a crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the % intersection.

F. In the event that an official traffic-control signal or flashing red signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this section or of Section 10.08.050, shall be applicable except as to provisions which by their nature can have no application. Any stop required shall be at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking the stop shall be made at the signal.

G. Green arrow alone: Vehicular traffic facing the signal may enter the intersection only to make the movement or movements indicated by the arrow, but shall not interfere with other traffic or endanger pedestrians lawfully within a cross walk. (Prior code 10.105).

10.08.050 Flashing signals. Whenever flashing red or yellow

signals are used, they shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:

A. Flashing Red (Stop Signal). When a red lens is illuminated by rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a limit line when marked, or if none, then before entering the intersection and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

B. Flashing Yellow (Caution Signal). When a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such signal only with caution. (Prior code ° 10.106).

10.08.060 Lane control signals. Whenever lane control signals are used in conjunction with official signs, they shall have the following meaning:

A. Drivers of vehicles facing such signals are to use the lane for which the signal is displayed, providing that no intersection traffic-control signal gives a stop indication affecting the lane or lanes involved.

B. Opaque X on red, red X on opaque background, or red alone: Drivers of vehicles facing such signals are prohibited from using the lane for which the signal is displayed. (Prior code ° 10.107).

10.08.070 Pedestrian control signals. Whenever special pedestrian control signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or "Don't Walk" are in place, such signals shall indicate as follows:

A. Walk. Pedestrians facing such signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by the driver of all vehicles.

B. Don't Walk. While the Don't Walk signal is illuminated, either steady or flashing, no pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of the signal, but any pedestrian who has partly completed his crossing during the Walk indication shall proceed to a sidewalk or safety island, if one is provided. (Prior code ° 10.108).

10.08.080 Unauthorized signs prohibited. No person shall place, maintain or display upon or in view of any street any unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, nor shall any person place, maintain or display upon or in view of any street any other sign which hides from view, or interferes with the movement of traffic or effectiveness of any traffic-control device or any railroad sign or signal, and no person shall place or maintain nor shall any public authority permit upon any highway, any traffic or signal bearing thereon any commercial advertising.

Any such unauthorized device is declared to be a nuisance, and may be removed by any policeman. (Prior code ° 10.109).

10.08.090 Other prohibited signs designated. It is unlawful to maintain anywhere in the city any sign, signal, marking or device, other than a traffic sign or signal authorized by the mayor or city council or the Illinois State Department of Public Works and Buildings, which purports to be or is an imitation of or resembles an official traffic-control device or

railroad sign or signal, in view of any street or highway, and it is unlawful to place or maintain any sign which hides from view any lawful traffic-control device. It is unlawful to maintain or operate in view of any street or highway any flashing or rotating beacon of light. (Prior code ° 10.1 10).

10.08.100 Operation of ambulances. No person shall operate an ambulance, which shall include any motor vehicle primarily designed and used for conveyance of sick or injured persons, in a manner not conforming to a provision of the motor vehicle laws and regulations of this state or ordinances of the city as such provision applies to motor vehicles in general, except in compliance with the following conditions:

A. The person operating the ambulance shall be either responding to a bona fide emergency call or specifically directed by a licensed physician to disregard traffic laws in operating the ambulance during and for the purpose of the specific trip or journey that is involved;

B. The ambulance shall be equipped with a siren producing an audible signal of an intensity of one hundred decibels at a distance of fifty feet from the siren, and with a lamp emitting an oscillating, rotating or flashing red beam directed in part toward the front of the vehicle and containing a power rating of at least one hundred amps;

C. The above-mentioned siren and lamp shall be in full operation at all times during such trip or journey; and

D. Whenever the ambulance is operated at a speed in excess of forty miles per hour, the ambulance shall be operated in complete conformance with every other motor vehicle law and regulation of this state and ordinances of the city in which the ambulance is operated, relating to the operation of motor vehicles, as such provision applies to motor vehicles in general, except laws and regulations pertaining to compliance with official traffic-control devices or to vehicular operation upon the right-half of the roadway. (Prior code § 10.111).

10.08.110 Animals or bicycles subject to applicable provisions. Any person riding a bicycle or an animal, or driving any animal drawing a vehicle upon any street, shall be subject to the provisions of this title applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except those provisions which can have no application to one riding a bicycle or driving or riding an animal. (Ord. 90-8, 1989: Prior code § 10.112).

10.08.120 Exemptions. A. The provisions of this title regulating the movement or parking of vehicles shall not apply to the driver of any authorized emergency vehicle when responding to an emergency call, but such driver when approaching shall slow down as necessary for safety but may proceed cautiously past a red or stop sign or signal. At other times, drivers of authorized emergency vehicles shall stop in obedience to a stop sign or signal.

B. No driver of any authorized emergency vehicle shall assume any special privileges except when such vehicle is operated in response to an emergency call or in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law.

C. The provisions of this title regulating the movement and parking of vehicles shall not apply to equipment or vehicles while actively engaged in installing, repairing, or otherwise improving streets or street pavements. (Prior code § 10.113).

